for Families

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)







**Newborn Hearing Screening** 

Just In Time so your baby's care is Right on Time

All babies need a hearing test called a "hearing screening"

It's important because...

### A lot of children have hearing loss, but you can't see hearing loss

- Deaf and hearing babies can look the same
- Deaf and hearing babies both make sounds
- Deaf babies can have hearing parents and hearing babies can have deaf parents

That's why we screen all babies before they leave the hospital

#### When babies are screened early

- Hearing loss can be found
- Babies can get "Early Intervention" services
  - Early Intervention refers to programs and services available for children and their families
- Early Intervention helps babies grow and develop to their highest level
- Babies are never too young to get a hearing test



# Just In Time Before Your Baby is 1 Month Old

- Get your baby's hearing checked (screened)
- Understand the results of your babies hearing screening
- Talk to your health care provider (example: doctor) about your baby's hearing screening
- Ask questions



## What should I do after the hearing screening?

#### If your baby passes the hearing screening:

Watch how your baby grows and learns

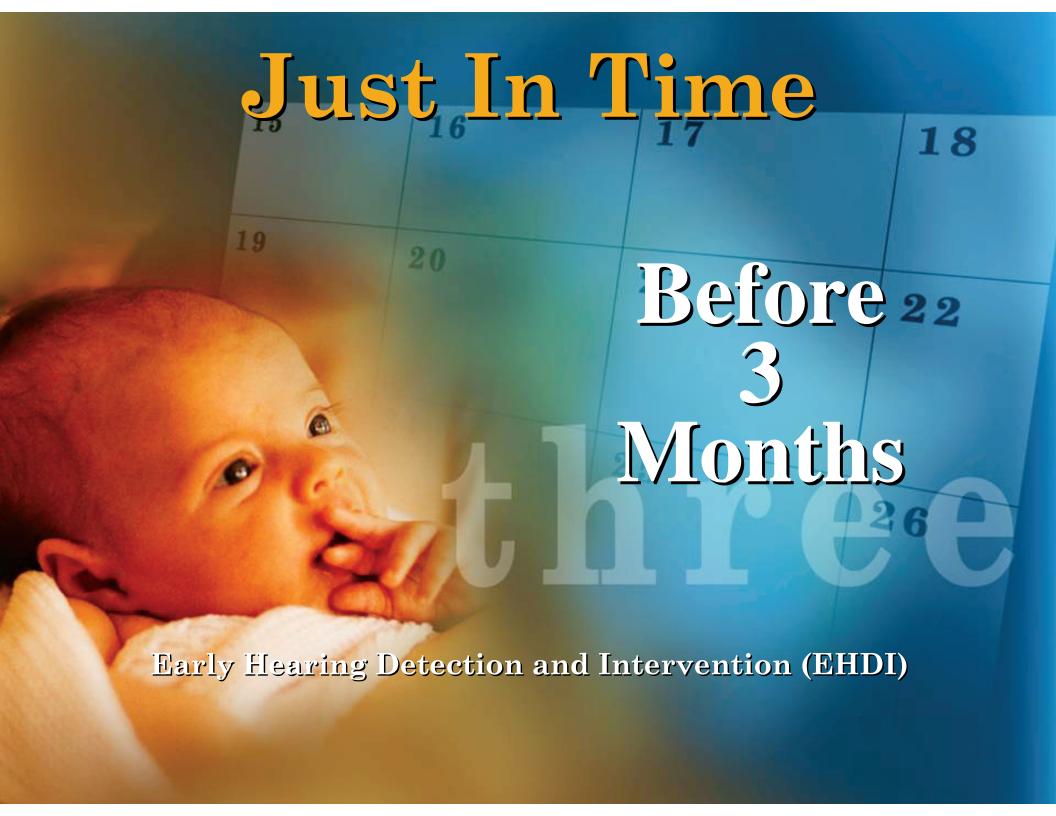
If your baby <u>does not pass (fail, no pass, refer)</u> the hearing screening:

- Watch how your baby grows and learns
- Talk with your baby's health care provider
- Make an appointment for a full hearing test before 3 months of age
  - A hearing specialist (called an audiologist)
     can give your baby a full hearing test

# What should I do after the hearing screening?

If your baby's health care provider says that your baby may be at risk for hearing loss:

- Watch how your baby grows and learns
- Make an appointment for a full hearing test at these ages:
  - 3 months old
  - 6 months old
  - One year old
  - One and ½ years old
  - Two years old
  - Two and ½ years old
  - Three years old



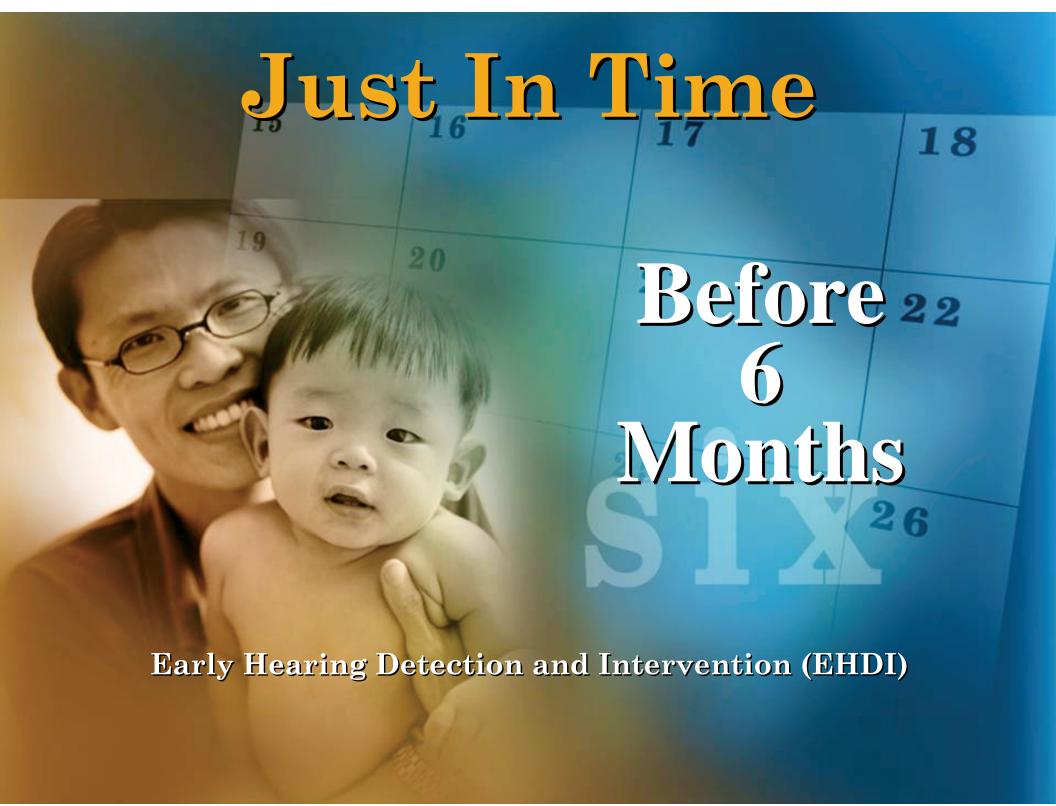
### Before Your Baby is 3 Months Old

- If your baby did not pass the hearing screening, talk with your baby's health care provider to make an appointment for a full hearing test (to confirm any hearing loss)
- The hearing test does not hurt
- The hearing test does not take long
- Talk with your health care provider if you have questions (such as cost, time, appointments)

**Full Hearing Test** 

#### If Your Baby Has A Hearing Loss:

- You will be provided with information about family support
- Your baby will need Early Intervention services
- Your baby will need on-going hearing tests
- Your baby might need to see other health care providers (e.g. ear doctor, eye doctor)



# Just In Time Before Your Baby is 6 Months Old

**Checklist for babies with hearing loss:** 

#### **Hearing Health Care**

- ✓ Make an ear doctor appointment
- Make an audiology appointment
- If needed, get information and medical clearance for:
  - Hearing aids
  - Cochlear implants (electronic devices surgically placed under the skin behind the ear)
  - Other intervention strategies (therapies or services)

#### **Education and Support**

- ✓ Meet with Farly Intervention program to make a plan for your family
- **✓** Meet<sub>w</sub>ith other families
- ✓ Ask about communication programs





## Communication Programs You and Your Baby Can Use

There are many different ways to communicate with your baby such as:

- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Auditory-Oral
- Auditory-Verbal
- Cued Speech
- Total Communication

# How you communicate with your baby is the family's choice

"What works for your child is what makes the choice right" (Hand and Voices)

Learn about many ways to talk with your baby Pick the one that works for your family

Decisions you make now can be changed later

# Working With Your Baby's Health Care Provider

Your baby's health care provider can:

help you when you need help

listen to your ideas and your family's needs

help you find new medical care if you move

tell you where to find other help

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**Before ONE month of age:**Hearing Screening



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3 Before THREE months of age: Hearing Evaluation

Before SIX months of age: Early Intervention

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#### For more information:

- Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf http://www.agbell.org
- American Academy of Audiology http://www.audiology.org
- American Academy of Pediatrics http://www.aap.org
- American Society for Deaf Children http://www.deafchildren.org
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association http://www.asha.org

- Auditory-Verbal International, Inc.
   http://www.listen-up.org/oral/a-v.htm
- Beginnings For Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing http://www.ncbegin.org/
- Boys Town National Research Hospital
   http://www.boystownhospital.org/pages/default.aspx
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention http://www.cdc.gov/hearingloss/

- Family Voicess
   http://www.familyvoices.org
- Hands & Voices http://www.handsandvoices.org
- Health Resources and Services
   Administration
   http://www.hrsa.gov
- John Tracy Clinic http://johntracyclinic.org
- Joint Committee on Infant Hearing http://www.jcih.org

- Marion Downs National Center for Infant Hearing http://www.mariondowns.com
- National Association of the Deaf http://www.nad.org
- National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management http://www.infanthearing.org
- National Cued Speech Association http://www.cuedspeech.org
- National Information Center on Deafness http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo

- National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders http://www.nided.nih.gov
- Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers
- Raising Deaf Kids http://www.raisingdeafkids.org
- Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. http://www.tdi-online.org